

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

It may not directly interfere with the public's rights, however certain "side-effects" would certainly place undue restrictions on other Radio Services that could potentially hinder or even halt development and experimentation with digital transmission/decoding.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

I have no bias for judgment.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Possibly a severe increase.

Other Comments:

I do not support the idea of restrictions on digital means of communication that would potentially make it illegal for myself, as an FCC licensed Amateur Radio operator, to use digital modes designed by amateurs for use in the Amateur Radio Service. Furthermore, I feel that such "broadcast flag requirement(s)" would likely harm the average consumer by driving the cost of digital broadcast reception devices (ie: Television, radio, etc ...) up in order to meet said "broadcast flag requirement(s)".